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Khrushchev Refused Appeal to Help Hamper Project

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—The United States raised with the Soviet Union last year the possibility of cooperating to prevent Communist Chinese nuclear-weapons development, but received a cold response from Premier Khrushchev.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Under Secretary W. Averill Harriman and other United States representatives were in Moscow at that time for the talks leading to the signing of the treaty prohibiting all but underground nuclear tests.

On a United States theory has been that Moscow favored the pact as a means of isolating its Communist rival, Peking, and perhaps hindering its atomic development. The Chinese were known at the time to have been working on a nuclear arsenal.

It is understood that a suggestion was made to Premier Khrushchev looking toward the possibility of Washington-Moscow cooperation in hampering the Chinese effort.

Premier Cited Alliance

The Premier was said to have refused to discuss the matter, taking the line that Communist China was "a fellow Socialist country."

There has been no disclosure of how the Soviet Union and the United States might act to stop the Chinese nuclear program. United States authorities believe Moscow would be able to do more in this regard than Washington, since the Soviet Union

borders China and is an ally.

Washington and Moscow have talked for some time about a pact against the spread of nuclear arms to additional countries, but they have not been able to agree on what form such an accord should take.

Although the United States Government served notice publicly this week that Peking might set off its first atomic device in the near future, it is understood that there has been no recent consultation with the Soviet Union on the matter.

Mr. Khrushchev is said to have reported some time ago that the Russians gave Communist China nuclear-weapons development assistance until 1959. Then the Kremlin stopped this

aid and pulled its atomic technicians out of China, Mr. Khrushchev indicated.

Forecast Discounted in Peking

TOKYO, Oct. 1 (UPI)—A Japanese newsman said in a dispatch from Peking today that "authoritative sources" there termed Secretary of State Rusk's prediction of a Chinese nuclear test explosion as "speculation without foundation."

The article was filed by the correspondent of the Japanese Kyodo news agency. He is one of nine Japanese newspapermen who arrived in Peking yesterday in an exchange program under which Chinese newsmen will be allowed to work in Japan.